

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on March 12, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 490, 2/27/2003; HB 552,
2/27/2003; SB 297, 2/27/2003
Executive Action: HB 490, HB 552,

HEARING ON HB 552

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:03 **REP. BRENNAN RYAN, HD 1, Stockett** "Clarify automatic extension for corporate income tax".

Proponents' Testimony:

8:05 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:06 Begin
8:07 Ended
1 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

8:07 **REP. RYAN** closed on HB 552.

HEARING ON HB 490

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:08 **REP. ROSALIE BUZZAS, HD 65, Missoula** "Revise requirement for permanent disability claim for parental tax deduction".

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:11 Begin
8:18 Ended
7 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

8:18 **REP. BUZZAS** closed on HB 490.

HEARING ON SB 297

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:11 **SEN. BILL GLASER, SD 8, Huntley** "Local option sales tax".

8:29 **CHAIRMAN DEPRATU** called a recess of the presentation of SB 297 to allow Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division, time to come from the House Finance Committee meeting on HB 2.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490

8:30 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ELLIOTT moved that HB 490 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 552

8:31 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ELLIOTT moved that HB 552 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

8:32 The committee stood in recess.

9:12 **CHAIRMAN DEPRATU** resumed the hearing on SB 297.

Proponents' Testimony:

9:12 Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division, presented a power point presentation. **EXHIBIT(tas52a01)** The committee quizzed Mr. Johnson during the presentation and he was able to input alternative data on-site which could immediately show figures of other scenarios of Exhibit 1.

9:29 Mark Kennedy, member of Billings City Council
 9:33 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner
 9:35 Cathy Burwell, Pres/CEO Helena Chamber of Commerce
 9:36 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
 9:38 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell & Bozeman Chambers of Commerce
 9:39 Mona Jamison, Gallatin County, Big Sky Resort Area District
 9:46 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
EXHIBIT(tas52a02)
 9:53 Stuart Doggett, MT Innkeepers Assoc. - native of Meagher County
 9:54 Chris Kukulski, City Manager, Kalispell
EXHIBIT(tas52a03) EXHIBIT(tas52a04)
 9:59 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls
 10:02 Gordon Morris, MACo

Opponents' Testimony:

10:03 Nancy Schlepp, MT Farm Bureau, MT Taxpayers Assoc., MT Chamber of Commerce

10:06 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:12 Begin
10:50 Ended
38 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

10:50 **SEN. GLASER** closed on SB 297.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas52aad)